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*USSR: There are growing indications that Khrushchev may come to New York next month to place the Berlin and German questions before the UN General Assembly and possibly to create an occasion for a meeting with President Kennedy.

[redacted] he probably would arrive in the second half of September, although his plans were not yet definite. [redacted]

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[Khrushchev's appearance before the UN probably would be designed to generate additional pressure on the West to be more forthcoming in negotiations for a Berlin settlement. Recent Soviet pronouncements suggest that Khrushchev will propose a "compromise" under which the Western "occupation regime" would be removed and the UN would be given some role in guaranteeing the independence and security of West Berlin. He may also call for the admission of both German states to the UN and seek UN endorsement of the need for a German peace treaty, portraying this as the prerequisite for progress on disarmament and a general improvement in East-West relations.]

The possibility cannot be excluded, however, that Khrushchev has decided to proceed with a separate peace treaty with East Germany or other measures to heighten Berlin tensions and believes that taking the issue to the UN would inhibit Western reactions.

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*Berlin: [Initial Soviet and East German reaction to the disorders in Berlin suggested a certain amount of indecision and a reluctance to comment, probably for fear of setting off similar demonstrations in East Berlin and East Germany.]

[By 21 August, however, the Moscow press was referring to the attacks against the Soviet bus carrying Memorial guards as hooliganism. Pravda's account said "it is characteristic that West Berlin police made no effort to rapidly bring aid to the outrageous provocations against Soviet military personnel." Earlier in a 20 August general commentary on disarmament, Radio Moscow warned that tension in the city "now has turned into a direct threat of serious conflict," but said that the USSR was not "closing the door to negotiations on the Berlin and German problems." East German commentators have said that a "few hundred fascist hooligans and youthful political rowdies," enjoying the protection of Mayor Brandt, have attacked Soviet personnel and are terrorizing the West Berlin populace.]

[The Soviet Kommandatura, apparently without clear-cut instructions, has made two somewhat impromptu attempts to consult with the US commandant on the stoning of Soviet guard buses and staff cars and has returned unanswered a note from the US commandant calling for a formal meeting. This is in keeping with Moscow's rejection of the Allied proposal of 25 June for a meeting of the commandants on easing tension within the city.]

[While additional violence cannot be ruled out, the demonstrations are expected to subside in the

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face of more vigorous riot control measures of the West Berlin police and growing official and press criticism.

[The chief of the US Military Liaison Mission in Potsdam has been summoned to meet at noon today with General Yakubovsky, commander-in-chief of the Soviet forces in Germany. Yakubovsky presumably will demand that the Commander-in-Chief USAREUR restore order in West Berlin and guarantee the safety of Soviet personnel.]

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Sino-Indian Border: [The USSR is continuing to encourage India and Communist China to resume negotiations on a border settlement.]

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[Moscow probably hopes to prevent a further deterioration in Sino-Indian relations which could confront it with a difficult choice. Although New Delhi also has expressed renewed interest in exploratory talks, Nehru's recent reiteration of his demand for Chinese withdrawal from Ladakh as a condition for negotiations indicates that the basic Indian and Chinese positions remain as far apart as ever.]

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Congo: [The Leopoldville government has accepted the UN sponsored plan for Katanga's reintegration with the rest of the Congo. Prime Minister Adoula and his ministers probably still doubt, however, that the plan will bring Tshombé into line. They may still have reservations concerning the UN proposal for a 50-50 split of Katanga's mineral revenues between Elisabethville and Leopoldville on the ground that it would not meet their needs. They would also argue that a new constitution should provide for a stronger central government than that envisaged in the UN proposals.]

[Tshombé continues to breathe defiance while reiterating that he is ever willing to negotiate. His latest offer--termed a "first step" to reunion--is to turn over to Leopoldville or to an international body that part of Katanga's revenue which is not "indispensable" to its administration and economy.]

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